

TRAIN HELD UP IN WEST AND WRECKED

Bandits Rifled Mails and Then Sent Wild Engine Crashing Into Coaches.

SLEEPING TRAVELERS HURLED FROM BERTHS

Robbers Went Calmly About Work and Met No Resistance. Several Passengers Injured, but None Fatally—Road Offers Reward for Capture.

SPOKANE, WASH., May 16.—Following the hold-up of a Great Northern passenger train by six bandits between Colbert and Mead last night, twelve persons were injured when the locomotive and the mail cars, run back wild by the robbers after they had rifled the mails, crashed into the passenger coaches.

The conductor saw the wild cars coming at twenty-five miles an hour, and he and another man jumped out of the train, but the engine, though partly stopped, plunged into the coaches, throwing passengers from their seats, and cutting them with glass. A trainman sprang aboard the locomotive as the collision occurred and shut off the steam, stopping the havoc.

The hold-up. When the train reached Colbert last night, and while the crew were busy with some switching, two men sprang into the cab and, thrusting revolvers against the breasts of the engineer and fireman, ordered them to stop the train. They complied, and the mail cars were cut off from the remainder of the train by four other robbers.

The locomotive and mail cars were then run up the track a few miles. The engineer and fireman were forced to leave the train, and the robbers went to the door of the mail car and ordered it opened. Their instructions were obeyed by Benjamin H. Stump, mail clerk, who was hurled away from the car by the engine men by a dozen revolver shots. Manning the locomotive themselves, the outlaws took the cars down the track and looted the registered mail. Then they started the locomotive back toward the passenger coaches and escaped.

Conductor C. L. Robertson cut in a telegram wire to word to Spokane. While he was telegraphing, the mail car was telegraphed by the robbers. The locomotive and mail cars had disappeared toward the powerful engine careening toward the coaches. In which many were asleep. A number of the passengers knew nothing of the hold-up until awakened by the crash.

Tried to Prevent Wreck. As soon as Robertson realized that a collision was imminent he called on the brakemen and porters to aid him. While the conductor and another man threw a tie across the track, a brakeman stood ready to board the cab as soon as the shock of the collision checked the impetus of the wild locomotive. None of the passengers were fatally hurt.

Two special trainloads of deputies and doctors were hurried from Spokane. No trace of the robbers was found to-day.

Although it is reported that the bandits obtained as much as \$20,000 in railroad officers and mail inspectors, the amount is not known. One of the bandits, who entered the cab was more than six feet tall, and evidently was an experienced engineer. As the two robbers entered the cab this man said to the engineer, "You have heard of us before," indicating that they had been involved in similar hold-ups.

Road Offers Big Reward. ST. PAUL, MINN., May 16.—At the headquarters of the Great Northern Railway, it was said to-night that six robbers had been seen on the passenger train No. 3 just east of Morris, Wash., early to-day, cut off the postal car, ran it about two miles west and rifled the registered mail. The amount of booty is not known. One trainman was injured. The passengers were not molested.

The Great Northern has offered a reward of \$10,000 for each robber captured. This is the second hold-up in the vicinity in the last month, and the bandits in the first case are still at large.

RIOT AT BARGAIN SALE

Williamsburg Police Called Out to Quiet Women Purchasers.

NEW YORK, May 16.—Women rioters in the city today, following a bargain sale at Williamsburg, yesterday in their anxiety to get into a new store which had announced a bargain sale. The store was to be opened at 8 o'clock in the morning, but there was such a mob of women, about 100 in all, that the store was not opened until 10 o'clock. The women, who were armed with sticks and stones, were jammed, as was the roadway, and the cars were blocked. The rearview mirrors were used to force the crowd, which had got beyond control. Meanwhile women had their hats and dresses torn, and others fainted and were attended by an ambulance surgeon from St. Catherine's Hospital.

Not until the reserves were reinforced by policemen from the Verbo Avenue Station was the crowd got under control.

Hubert Plague in China. AMOY, CHINA, May 16.—Official estimates placed the death toll of the bubonic plague in Amoy at about forty weekly. There is a severe epidemic at several of the interior towns.

Wenton Still Walking. WAKENEE, KANS., May 16.—Edward Wenton, who was shot by a train in San Francisco shortly after midnight, is still walking.

BRANDENBURG IN JAIL

Magnificent Writer, Now a Prisoner, Continues to Issue Statements. NEW YORK, May 16.—Brigadier Brandenburg, the magnificent writer, whose troubles quickly followed the publication in the New York Times last fall of a letter said to have been written by the late Grover Cleveland, is a prisoner in New York to-night. He is charged with the murder of a woman, and is being held in the Tombs. He is anxious to explain his actions as he was in San Francisco. He issued a statement to-night, giving an account of his life and his relationship to the late Cleveland. He said that he had been in San Francisco for some time, and that he had been in the company of the late Cleveland. He said that he had been in the company of the late Cleveland for some time, and that he had been in the company of the late Cleveland for some time.

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WELCOME TO BATTLESHIP

Governors of Three States Will Assemble at Natchez on Friday. NATCHES, MISS., May 16.—If there had been any doubt as to the size of the water in the Mississippi for the trip of the battleship that came to Natchez, it was removed by the forecast issued to-day by Section Director Belden, of the United States Weather Bureau at Vicksburg, who predicted a low stage of water at Vicksburg on May 24, which means forty-four feet at Natchez as late as the 26th.

The battleship will arrive here on Friday evening at 6 o'clock, and will leave on its return to the Gulf on Tuesday, May 25, at 5 a. m. The ship is making elaborate preparations for the celebration of the ship's stay in this port. Governor Patterson, of Tennessee, Governor Sanders, of Louisiana, Governor Noel, of Mississippi, Mayor Martin Behrman, of New Orleans, and United States Senator-elect John Sharp Williams, will be among the distinguished visitors to take part in the celebration.

CHARGED WITH PERJURY

But Wagner Insists That He Will Not Submit to a Trial. ST. LOUIS, MO., May 16.—Frank P. Wagner, who recently testified before the senatorial investigating committee on the implausible charges against the blunder and two others in a "money deal" and whose testimony was later pronounced false by the committee, was arrested to-day on a warrant issued by District Attorney Derron Mason, charging perjury.

Wagner was taken to Madison to-night, had nothing to say beyond a statement that he would tell his story in court at Madison.

CAR JUMPED TRACK

Plumage Seekers Hurled Into a Pile. CHICAGO, ILL., May 16.—Seventeen persons were injured to-night when an electric car jumped the track at a temporary switch at Thirteenth and Clark streets. The windows were broken and the passengers were hurled into a pile. None was seriously injured, although several women and children were taken to hospitals. The car was crowded with pleasure-seekers returning from Lincoln Park.

FAMOUS TEMPLE BURNED

Beggar, Living in Hole Under Floor, Saved Fire to Keep Off Cold. SHIBA PARK, TOKIO, May 16.—The famous Buddhist temple, situated in Shiba Park, Tokyo, was completely destroyed by fire to-night. The fire started in a hole under the floor, where a beggar was living. The fire spread rapidly, and the temple was completely destroyed. The fire started in a hole under the floor, where a beggar was living. The fire spread rapidly, and the temple was completely destroyed.

ROLLING CHAPEL ROBBED

Thief Rifled Collection Box During Mass. EVANSVILLE, IND., May 16.—St. Anthony's Catholic church, a rolling chapel, which travels over a good part of the United States in the interest of Catholic church extension, was robbed to-day. The thief rifled the collection box during mass. The thief was caught, and the collection box was recovered.

MINE-WORKER KILLED

President of Union Shot by Comrade. CLARKSVILLE, ARK., May 16.—Tom Curry, president of the local Miners' Union No. 23, who recently moved here from Illinois, was shot and killed to-day. The shooting took place in a mine. The president was shot by a comrade. The shooting was a result of a dispute between the president and his comrade.

EXPLOSION WRECKS BURNING BUILDING

Bricks and Flaming Timbers Sent Flying in All Directions by Terrific Blast.

FOUR MEN HURT IN PORTSMOUTH FIRE

General Warehouse of Seaboard, Containing Supplies for Entire System, Destroyed and Many Loaded Freight Cars Also Lost—Shock Rattled Windows Miles Away.

PORTSMOUTH, VA., May 16.—Fire of unknown origin, accompanied by an explosion, destroyed the general warehouse of the Seaboard Air Line Railway at the road's terminals here early to-day, entailing a loss of \$100,000 to \$150,000, and resulting in the injury of four men, one of whom was seriously hurt. The injured are:

Freeman Walter Blissett, struck by flying brick, seriously injured; Night Yardmaster Matheson, nose badly cut and back injured; Tom Sellers, colored, cut about the head; Unknown white man, teeth knocked out.

Between fifty and sixty freight cars, many of them loaded, were burned. The fire gained rapid headway and for a time it appeared that all the buildings located in the Seaboard repair and construction yards would be consumed. Soon after the Portsmouth explosion arrived at a tremendous explosion within the storehouse, a brick structure, followed by several smaller blasts, sent bricks and burning timbers flying in every direction, greatly endangering the lives of the fire-fighters, and others who had gathered on the scene.

Whether it was a large tank of acid or a quantity of dynamite used in construction work on the railroad which exploded is a matter of doubt, but the shock was felt within a radius of five miles, even rattling windows in Norfolk on the opposite side of the Elizabeth River. The officials of the company attribute the explosion to a quantity of stored torpedoes.

Less Very Heavy. The burnt storehouse contained general supplies for the entire Seaboard system, and the loss upon the building and its contents alone is estimated at \$100,000. The fire was confined to the storehouse and cars, the latter being ignited by burning timbers hurled upon the roofs by the force of the explosion.

The firemen were greatly handicapped in subduing the flames, in part because the department's hose would not fit the railroad hydrants. Three of the injured men were taken to the King's Daughters' Hospital. All probably will recover.

Fire in New York. NEW YORK, May 16.—Fire late to-night burned out completely a six-story building running from Spring Street through to West Broadway, occupied by John Weimers, manufacturer of paper boxes. The loss is estimated at \$150,000.

Building Destroyed by Fire. CARRABELLE, FLA., May 16.—The building occupied by the Gulf Trading Company was destroyed by fire this morning. The loss is estimated at \$20,000, partially covered by insurance.

TROUBLE AT BLUEFIELDS

Workmen Lost Jobs and Promptly Started a "Revolution." CITY OF MEXICO, May 16.—Francisco Castro, minister plenipotentiary from Nicaragua to Mexico, arrived here to-night with his secretary, Gustavo Guevara, and a number of Nicaraguans. He has had only a transient stay in this capital. Senator Castro will be received by President Diaz in a few days.

The new Nicaraguan minister, in an interview to-day, stated that he had been in the company of the late Cleveland for some time, and that he had been in the company of the late Cleveland for some time. He said that he had been in the company of the late Cleveland for some time, and that he had been in the company of the late Cleveland for some time.

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SUMMONED TO JAPAN

Korean Cabinet Now Administered At-Home Outside Supervision. SEOUL, May 17.—Owing to sudden summons from Prince Li, Japanese resident-general of Korea, who is now in Japan, Viscount Song, vice-president of the cabinet, departed yesterday for Tokyo, and for the first time in two years the affairs of the Korean government are administered by the cabinet without the supervision of Japanese officials.

PROMOTION OF PEACE

Prominent Men to Speak at Conference on International Arbitration. LAKE MOHONK, N.Y., May 16.—The fifteen annual meeting of the Lake Mohonk Conference on International Arbitration will convene here on Wednesday and continue through Friday. President Butler, of Columbia University, will preside, and more than 300 educators, diplomats, army and navy men, clergymen, editors, business and professional men will attend.

Among the addresses will be one by Dean Kitchin, of the Columbia law school, on "The Systematic Study of Limitation of Armaments." Though it is given out that the discussion of this paper is to be strictly international in character, that it is without any reference to the United States policy, the speaker's previous experience at Mohonk conferences has shown that there is abundant chance for an opening of the finger jar when the question of limiting armaments comes up.

British Ambassador James Bryce and Dr. W. T. Reid, the Chinese minister, are to address the conference, and probably Count Bernstorff, the German ambassador.

Among the well-known men who are to participate in the conference are: Senator Don James, of Oregon; Governor Montague, of Virginia; Governor McKim, of South Carolina; Representatives Bartholomew, of Missouri; Perkins, of New York; and Plumley, of Vermont; ex-Governor Francis, of Missouri; Rear Admiral John P. Murphy, of New York; Dr. W. T. Reid, of Chicago; and a number of college presidents.

Letter-boxes aflame. Desperate strikers resorting to destructive measures in Paris now. PARIS, May 16.—The postal strike is now practically dead. The government officials announce that only 400 men are out, and these are expected to return to work by to-morrow.

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PROMISES AID, BUT ATTACKS CONTINUE

Turkish Minister Assures American Ambassador Massacres Will be Stopped.

MAN OF MYSTERY IS MAKING OVERTURES

Desires Good Will of This Country, and Suggests That Henceforth 25 Per Cent. of Army Be Composed of Christians.

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 16.—The American ambassador, John G. Leishman, has made representations to Ferid Pasha, the minister of the interior, on the importance of restoring order in Adana province, so that the refugees crowded in the towns may return to their homes. Ferid Pasha replied to-day, saying he would take additional steps to restore the confidence of the Armenians and give them protection in the country where needed.

Turkey's Man of Mystery. Mahmud Scheffer Pasha, commander of the Turkish constitutional forces, both land and sea, is the man most frequently mentioned in connection with the confused politics of the day in Turkey. The skill and celerity with which he brought the third and part of the second army corps before Constantinople and occupied the capital almost exclusively.

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WIFE VISITS CELL

Foxwell, Very Dejected, Does Not Hold Out Hope of Escape. WASHINGTON, D. C., May 16.—Charles L. Foxwell, a broker in mining stocks, said to be a relative of F. Augustus Heinze, of New York, who was arrested here yesterday for alleged irregular dealings with a number of Eastern mining companies, which were relieved of vast sums of money ranging from \$30,000 up, probably will be taken back to Boston for hearing early this week. Whether or not he will resist extradition cannot be learned.

The Boston authorities to-day telegraphed that a warrant for the return of Foxwell to Massachusetts would be obtained at once. Charles Foxwell, who is fifty-six years old, has resided here a year, living in lavishly furnished apartments. He was dejectedly to-night in his dark cell.

Foxwell, a beautiful young woman, probably twenty-five years of age, visited her husband to-day, and took him some delicacies. She also handed him two or three telegrams. She talked with Foxwell through the bars of his cell, and upon leaving waved aside the reporters.

The Foxwells have taken a lively interest in society here. They were seen often on the principal thoroughfares in a handsome touring car, occupied by Foxwell and his wife. They were seen at the opera, at the theatre, and at the fashionable hotels, and were often hosts at fashionable functions.

The detectives to-day were engaged in a further investigation of the case, but to-night they were so busy that the authorities are yet undecided as to the extent of the broker's operations in this city. The charge against Foxwell of being a fugitive from justice remains unchanged on the police blotter.

No Relative of Him. NEW YORK, May 16.—Otto Heinze, said to-day that Charles Foxwell, who was arrested in Washington on Saturday for the alleged swindling of several mining companies, was not a relative of his. He had never heard of the Foxwells, he said, until he read an account of the arrest in the papers.

SIGNAL HONOR TO MINISTER

Monument to John Witherspoon to Be Unveiled in Washington Thursday. WASHINGTON, May 16.—Signal honors will be paid to the memory of John Witherspoon, the noted Scotch Presbyterian clergyman, on the occasion of the unveiling of a monument to him in the city of Washington, on Thursday. The occasion will be distinctly a Presbyterian affair, and the members of that faith will be present.

The status will be unveiled by John Witherspoon Withers, seven years old, a descendant of the Scotch Presbyterian minister, and son of Professor Withers, of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, at Mechanicsville, Va. The monument will be unveiled by Rev. John Witherspoon, D. D., of Richmond, Va., a descendant in the fifth generation.

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PLAN MEMORIAL TO VICTIMS OF MAINE

Sinking of Battleship Vividly Recalled in Speech by Sigsbee.

EXPLAINS EVENTS PRECEDING TRAGEDY

Pious People Blamed Sunday Bull Fight for Disaster, but None Who Witnessed Sport Were Injured, Admiral Says—Sunk by Submarine Mine.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 16.—For the benefit of the recently organized Maine Memorial Association, whose purpose is to erect in the national capital a suitable monument to the American sailors who met their death in the sinking of the battleship Maine in Havana harbor on February 15, 1898, Rear Admiral Charles D. Sigsbee, who was in command of the ill-fated vessel at the time she went to her destruction, to-night gave by request a public lecture at the Metropolitan Opera house, describing the disaster. He was introduced by General Horace Porter, president of the Navy League of the United States.

Mission Was Friendly. Admiral Sigsbee declared that patriotic Americans should become members of the Navy League, and thus help the upbuilding of the American navy.

"In many ways, it is made obvious that the public sentiment regarding the Maine has continued beyond ordinary bounds," he said. "Many disasters have occurred before and since, yet none in recent times has held public interest like that of the Maine. Her destruction was a turning point in our own history, and the history of Spain, turning a point for the better in both cases, let us hope."

"The event came when relations between the two countries were severely strained by reason of popular agitation. Right or wrong, the people of the United States were on one or the other side, and the result was a disaster to their own reasoning on the situation."